

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 5, 2007 and the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment dated August 6, 2007.

The Notice of Non-compliant Amendment dated August 6, 2007 pointed out that Applicant's amendment mailed July 26, 2007 included an incorrect status identifier for Claim 20. This incorrect status identifier has been corrected with this response.

In the Office Action mailed April 5, 2007, Applicant's Claims 1-13, 15-19, 21, 23 and 24 were rejected as anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,459,388 ("Baron") and Applicant's Claims 14, 20 and 22 were rejected as obvious over Baron. This response addresses these rejections. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Applicant's independent Claim 1 relates to a "*camera*" that includes "*equipment that determines a physical position*", a "*database indicating locations of municipalities*" and an "*application*" that uses the "*database*" to determine "*in which municipality the physical position is located*" and to associate "*data indicating a name of the municipality with*" an acquired "*image*."

In the Office Action, Applicant's Claim 1 was rejected as anticipated by Baron. Applicant's Claim 1 is not anticipated by Baron because Baron does not disclose all the limitations of the claim. Specifically, Baron does not disclose an "*application*" that uses a "*database*" to determine "*in which municipality the physical position*" of the "*camera*" "*is located*" and to associate "*data indicating a name of the municipality with*" an acquired "*image*."

Baron discloses a database (300 or 20) that contains information about locations of scenic views and photo-spots (Baron: column 6, lines 22-24). As explained in Baron, the database 300 is used to "guide a user to sites and photo-spots by providing directions to the site or map route" (Baron: column 6, lines 26-27). Several other passages from Baron confirm this use of the database 300.

"Imaging data" refers to information which optimizes capturing the view or site with an imaging device, such as a camera or other optical system configured to project an image of a subject onto a light sensitive media. For example, imaging data for a site includes exposure data for capturing

the site on film (e.g., shutter speed, aperture, focal length, filter information, designation, etc.) (Baron: column 6, lines 33-40.)

[T]he type of information provided by database 300 (or 20) to display 12 includes information to aid a user in selecting a nearby site for visiting, and navigational information for guiding the user to a preferred photo-spot for capturing a preferred view of the site. (Baron: column 7, lines 53-58.) More preferably, the system provides the user with a map depicting the locations of each of the photographs of the site in the database to aid the user in determining whether to, and where to, photograph the site. (Baron: column 8, lines 2- 6.)

The foregoing passages make it clear that the database disclosed by Baron is used to help photographers find locations to take pictures. Baron does not disclose that once a photo is taken that information about the municipality in which the photo was taken is used to associate a "name of the municipality" with the acquired "*image*."

The passage cited by Examiner in the Office Action (i.e., column 8, line 66- column 9, line 19) merely explains where the photo-spot finding data in the database 300 may come from, e.g., chambers of commerce or web sites. The passage cited by the Examiner does not indicate that a "name of the municipality" is associated with an acquired "*image*."

At least for this reason, Applicant submits that Claim 1 is not anticipated by Baron and that the rejection of Claim 1 should be withdrawn.

The reason why Applicant's Claim 1 is not anticipated by Baron applies as well to Applicant's Claims 2-24. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of these claims be withdrawn as well.

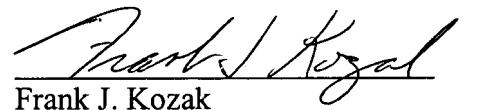
Extension of Time

Accompanying this response is a petition for extension of time and authorization to charge Applicant's deposit account for the fee associated therewith.

Conclusion

Applicant has addressed the issues presented in the Office Action dated April 5, 2007. Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if any matter remains to be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,


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